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1964	2/8/49	Miami letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
1963	2/8/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	Yes	
1962	2/8/49	Cleveland letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
1961	2/7/49	Los Angeles teletype to Kansas City	1	No	released in entirety
1960	2/7/49	Kansas City teletype to Los Angeles	1	No	released in entirety
1959	2/8/49	Newark teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	3	Yes	
1958	2/8/49	Newark teletype to Bureau, New York, Detroit	1	Yes	
1957	2/8/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
1956	2/2/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
1955	2/8/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
1954	2/8/49	New York teletype to Boston, Washington Field Office	1	No	released in entirety
1953	2/8/49	New York teletype to Boston, Washington Field Office, Bureau	2	Yes	

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1976	2/9/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
1975	2/7/49	Savannah report	2	Yes	
1974	2/3/49	Buffalo report	2	Yes	
1973	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
1972	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
1971	2/9/49	Boston teletype to New York	1	No	released in entirety
1970	2/9/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1969	2/9/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
1968	2/8/49	Newark report	6	Yes	
1967	2/9/49	Bureau teletype to Baltimore	1	Yes	
1966	2/8/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
1965	2/8/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	Yes	

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1988	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
1987	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1986	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1985	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Laboratory	1	Yes	
1984	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1983	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1982	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
1981	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Boston	1	Yes	
1980	2/9/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
1979	2/8/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
1978	2/8/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	4	Yes	
1977	2/8/49	New Haven report	3	Yes	

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2000	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
1999	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	Yes	
1998	2/9/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office, San Francisco, Baltimore	6	Yes	
1997	2/9/49	Newark teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York, Philadelphia	3	Yes	
1996	2/9/49	Miami teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1995	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
1994	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau and New York	1	Yes	
1993	2/9/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
1992	2/9/49	Boston teletype to Washington Field Office, Bureau, New York	2	Yes	
1991	2/9/49	El Paso teletype to Bureau, New York City, Baltimore, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1990	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York City, Bureau	2	Yes	
1989	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	Yes	

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2012	2/10/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
2011	2/10/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2010	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	2	Yes	
2009	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2008	2/10/49	Bureau letter to Miami	1	Yes	
2007	2/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
2006	2/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2005	2/9/49	New Haven report	2	Yes	
2004	2/10/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2003	2/8/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2002	2/8/49	Charlotte report	2	Yes	
2001	2/4/49	New York Memo	2	No	(see attached)

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2024	2/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2023	2/9/49	Miami letter to New York	1	No	released in entirety
2022	2/9/49	Cleveland report	3	Yes	
2021	2/8/49	Miami report	8	Yes	
2020	2/8/49	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2019	2/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2018	2/10/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	Yes	
2017	2/10/49	Bureau teletype to Boston, New York	1	Yes	
2016	2/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Bureau	1	Yes	
2015	2/10/49	New York teletype to New Haven	1	No	released in entirety
2014	2/10/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2013	2/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	

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2036	2/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2035	2/10/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
2034	2/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
2033	2/10/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2032	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2031	2/4/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2030	1/31/49	Cleveland report	10	Yes	
2029	2/10/49	New York teletype to Chicago, Bureau	1	Yes	
2028	2/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2027	2/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2026	2/10/49	Miami teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	Yes	
2025	2/10/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	

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2048	2/10/49	Laboratory report	5	Yes	
2047	2/10/49	Laboratory report	1	Yes	
2046	2/10/49	Laboratory report	1	Yes	
2045	2/10/49	Laboratory report	1	Yes	
2044	2/10/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
2043	2/9/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2042	2/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
2041	2/10/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
2040	2/10/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau and New York	4	Yes	
2039	2/11/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore, New York City, San Francisco	3	Yes	
2038	2/10/49	New York teletype to Albany, Bureau, Los Angeles, Baltimore, San Francisco	2	Yes	
2037	2/10/49	New York teletype to Baltimore	4	No	released in entirety

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2060	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Albany, New Orleans, Los Angeles	4	Yes	
2059	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Chicago	1	Yes	
2058	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Los Angeles, Charlotte	2	Yes	
2057	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
2056	2/2/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	8	Yes	
2055	2/9/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2054	2/9/49	Chicago report	20	Yes	
2053	2/9/49	Omaha report	2	Yes	
2052	2/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark, Philadelphia	1	Yes	
2051	2/11/49	New York Memo	1	No	(see attached)
2050	2/10/49	Laboratory report	1	Yes	
2049	2/10/49	Laboratory report	1	Yes	

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2072	2/12/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	Yes	
2071	2/11/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	Yes	
2070	2/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York and Boston	1	Yes	
2069	2/11/49	Washington teletype to New York, Newark	1	Yes	
2068	2/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Baltimore, Bureau, Richmond	2	Yes	
2067	2/11/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York City	1	Yes	
2066	2/11/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York, San Francisco	1	Yes	
2065	2/11/49	Bureau teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
2064	2/11/49	New York teletype to Boston and Bureau	1	Yes	
2063	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
2062	2/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	3	Yes	
2061	2/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	

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2084	2/11/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2083	2/14/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2082	2/11/49	Savannah report	2	Yes	
2081	2/12/49	New York teletype to Baltimore	1	No	released in entirety
2080	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	5	Yes	
2079	2/11/49	Newark letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2078	2/11/49	Laboratory report to San Francisco	2	Yes	
2077	2/11/49	Buffalo teletype to Albany	2	Yes	
2076	2/10/49	San Francisco report	15	Yes	
2075	2/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2074	2/12/49	Bureau teletype to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore	1	yes	
2073	2/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau, New Orleans	1	Yes	

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2096	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Seattle	2	Yes	
2095	2/14/49	New York teletype to El Paso, Bureau	1	Yes	
2094	2/14/49	New York teletype to Baltimore, Bureau	1	Yes	
2093	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau and El Paso	1	Yes	
2092	2/14/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York City, San Francisco	2	Yes	
2091	2/14/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2090	2/14/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
2089	2/14/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, St. Louis, New York, Cincinnati	1	Yes	
2088	2/14/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
2087	2/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2086	2/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
2085	2/11/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	

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2108	2/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2107	2/9/49	Washington Field Office to Louisville	1	Yes	
2106	2/7/49	San Francisco letter to Bureau	3	Yes	
2105	2/14/49	Newark teletype to New York, Washington Field Office, Bureau	1	Yes	
2104	2/14/49	San Diego teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
2103	2/14/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	Yes	
2102	2/14/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
2101	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2100	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New Haven	1	Yes	
2099	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark, Philadelphia, Washington Field Office	3	Yes	
2098	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2097	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Washington Field Office	2	Yes	

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2120	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau and Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
2119	2/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	6	Yes	
2118	2/11/49	El Paso report	13	Yes	
2117	2/10/49	Washington Field Office report	9	Yes	
2116	2/14/49	Buffalo Airtel to New York and Albany	3	No	released in entirety
2115	2/12/49	Portland report	8	Yes	
2114	2/11/49	Denver letter to Bureau and New York	1	Yes	
2113	2/14/49	Washington letter to New York	1	No	released in entirety
2112	2/10/49	Omaha report	4	Yes	
2111	2/10/49	Kansas City report	3	Yes	
2110	2/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
2109	2/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, 1 Copy-New York	1	Yes	

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2132	2/15/49	New Orleans teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Los Angeles, New York	1	Yes	
2131	2/15/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
2130	2/15/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	Yes	
2129	2/15/49	Memo	2	No	released in entirety
2128	2/15/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	1	Yes	
2127	2/15/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Bureau, Newark	1	Yes	
2126	2/14/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2125	2/15/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau and New York	1	Yes	
2124	2/15/49	Newark teletype to Bureau and New York	1	Yes	
2123	2/15/49	Newark letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
2122	2/15/49	Newark report	11	Yes	
2121	2/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore	5	Yes	

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New York, New York
February 9, 1949

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On the morning of February 9, 1949, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that we are of the definite opinion that Mrs. CHAMBERS should be interviewed at this time for all information in her possession concerning the association between the CHAMBERS family and the HISS family, persons who might be witnesses of this association, the trip of the HISS and CHAMBERS to New Hampshire and all other phases of their association together, as well as any knowledge Mrs. CHAMBERS might have of the activities of CHAMBERS in the espionage field. Mr. Fletcher was advised that we had been holding off on this interview with Mrs. CHAMBERS because of the possibility that it would antagonize WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. However, CHAMBERS himself has now suggested that the interview be conducted. We desire to send to Baltimore SAs Frank Plant and Tom Spencer who have been interviewing CHAMBERS. We plan to interview Mrs. CHAMBERS tomorrow, Thursday, and possibly Friday and over the weekend, if necessary. It was pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that CHAMBERS is only available to us three days a week now because he has been called down to Baltimore to continue his pre-trial deposition and that quite possibly he will have to be at that hearing Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Mr. Fletcher was also advised that we believe it desirable to interview TIMOTHY HOBSON. There is some indication that HOBSON is on the outs with ALGER HISS and if he will talk, he can, of course, give considerable information of value. We cleared this interview with Mr. Donegan. We want to approach HOBSON directly without notice but if he insists of having an attorney present, we still feel we should interview him.

At 11:00 am on February 9, Mr. Fletcher called back to advise that the Bureau approved these two interviews. He further advised that the deadline for the prosecutive summary report has been moved back to March 7, 1949 inasmuch as the trial has been set back.

I also advised Mr. Fletcher that it would be well for the Bureau to know what goes on at the pre-trial deposition hearing as to our way of thinking, this will simply be a fishing expedition on the part of the defense in the perjury trial. I suggested that the Bureau find out who from the Department of Justice was going to sit in at the hearing and that we arrange to find out what goes on. I advised that furthermore, it might be desirable for the Baltimore office to question CHAMBERS each day to find out whether any additional information was brought out.

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

From a review of various records available in this Office, it was noted that CHAMBERS was associated with the following individuals while he was employed by the "Daily Worker" from 1925 to 1929:

BENJAMIN MANDELL who is presently connected with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and who furnished a Communist Party membership card to CHAMBERS in 1924.

BERTRAM WOLF was also associated with CHAMBERS but previous contacts with WOLF relative to general Communist matters indicated that he would not furnish any information and he was not considered reliable.

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NATHAN HONIG presently residing in California but he will be present in the immediate future in New York City inasmuch as he is to testify at a trial in New York dealing with the prosecution of the eleven Communist officials.

It is further noted that PAUL MICHAEL CROUCH of Miami, Florida, may also be a witness in the above mentioned trial but he has already been interviewed relative to CHAMBERS and this information has been set out in a signed statement.

While ALGER HISS was testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he made several references to the fact that CHAMBERS had been treated for a mental condition and possibly had been in a mental institution. It was further noted at the pre-trial depositions that Mr. MARBURY, attorney for HISS, had frequently questioned CHAMBERS as to whether he had ever used the name of ROBERT CANTWELL. CHAMBERS denied that he had used the name of ROBERT CANTWELL.

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During the recent interview of MAXIM LIEBER, information was received that ROBERT CANTWELL who had assisted CHAMBERS in obtaining employment at Time Incorporated, had been treated for a mental condition on numerous occasions and that he had been confined to a mental institution.

It is believed that ALGER HISS made reference to CHAMBERS' mental condition inasmuch as he had confused the name of ROBERT CANTWELL with LLOYD CANTWELL, a name used by CHAMBERS in Baltimore, Maryland.

Consideration should be given to interviewing the above mentioned individuals relative to their knowledge of CHAMBERS, particularly as to his former activities and his credibility.

Consideration should also be given to interviewing some of the individuals mentioned in the insert to the report dictated by Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane for information as to the character and credibility of CHAMBERS.

It is further noted that CHAMBERS' brother committed suicide in 1925 and that his grandmother was confined to a mental institution in 1929. It is believed that information relative to these incidents should be obtained.

LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE, SA

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

February 10, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of February 10, 1949, ASAC Lally of Baltimore called and connected me with SA T. G. Spencer, who advised as follows:

1. He requested that this office immediately teletype the Baltimore Office the information contained in recent Little Rock teletypes setting forth interviews with Mrs. BROWN, who stated that there were two GREEN families known to her during the pertinent period. *done 2/10/49*

2. He stated that SPIEGEL testified that he moved to the East Madison Street address in October, 1937. This is not true. SPIEGEL moved there in November of 1936. This information should be furnished to Mr. Donegan immediately. *advised Donegan*

3. CHAMBERS has made arrangements with Baltimore lawyers and he will not need to testify in the deposition hearing on February 11, 1949. However, he will testify next Thursday and Friday. He is doing this so he can be present during the interviews with his wife by agents. CHAMBERS would ordinarily be under subpoena in New York next Thursday, but Mr. Donegan undoubtedly will have no objection to his not being here in view of the foregoing. Mr. Donegan should be advised of this immediately. *for details submit 2/10/49 Done 2/12/49 TGS*

I attempted to contact Mr. Donegan on the afternoon of February 10, 1949, and was advised that he was gone for the day and would be out of town tomorrow.

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A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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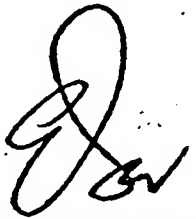
Transmit the following Teletype message to: NEW HAVEN - URGENT

J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R. RE
NEW HAVEN AND MIAMI TEL FEBRUARY EIGHT INSTANT, MR. AND MRS. F. W. WOOD,
MIAMI, BELIEVE REGISTRY IN QUESTION MAY BE IN ATTIC OF HOME IN
THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT. REPORT OF SA JOHN C. CARR AT NEW HAVEN FEBRUARY
THIRD INSTANT, REFLECTS REGISTRY PRODUCED BY MRS. N. WESTBY WAS FOR
NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. SUGGEST NEW HAVEN RECONTACT MRS. WESTBY FOR
LOCATION OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN REGISTER. POSSIBILITY OF DRIVING
CHAMBERS TO THOMASTON WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN HIS TRIPS BETWEEN NEW YORK,
WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE SLACKEN.

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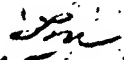
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Approved: 
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
ALGER HISS, ET AL
PERJURY
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DATE: February 9, 1949

Reamtel dated February 5, 1949.

Transmitted herewith is a photograph of Brackett House, Peterborough, New Hampshire, which was obtained from Mr. HERMAN PARKS, 5 Palm Row, St. Augustine, Florida. The barn mentioned in my teletype, in which an antique shop is located, may be observed at the left and contiguous to the house proper.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

February 4, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

At 4:20 p.m. on February 1, 1949, Special Agent F. X. Plant called from the Washington Field Office and advised that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had definitely identified the photo of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE as the Unknown Subject KEITH in this case. He stated that in connection with the photo of MORRIS ASIMOV, CHAMBERS was unable to identify said photo, stating that he had no definite picture in his mind as to Unsub ASIMOV.

Special Agent Plant advised that upon being shown the pictures of the various tourist homes in Thomaston, Connecticut, which had been furnished by the New Haven Office, CHAMBERS stated that he believed that the tourist home to which he referred was the Rabbit Tourist Home, as it appeared to most closely resemble the one at which he stayed. He said that his second choice would be the Goodall Tourist Home, and he eliminated all the others. Teletypes were sent to the New Haven Office advising them of the terms of identification by CHAMBERS of the tourist homes, and teletypes were sent to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices advising them of the results of the exhibition of pictures of CRANE and ASIMOV.

J. T. HILSEOS,
Special Agent

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February 10, 1949
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BALTIMORE
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.
RE TELEPHONE CALL THIS AFTERNOON FROM ^{asac} ~~ASTAK~~ LALLY. THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE
RECEIVED FROM LITTLE ROCK JANUARY THIRTY FIRST: REBUTELS JANUARY TWENTY FOUR
AND TWENTY FIVE AND LETTER FROM NEW YORK DATED JANUARY TWENTY SIX MRS.
GEORGE CRESSLER, PRUITT, ARKANSAS, ADVISED SHE WORKED FOR A FEW HOURS EACH DAY
FOR A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH FOR A MRS. BREEN WHO RESIDED IN A COTTAGE ON FARM
OF THOMAS MARSHALL, NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA DURING SPRING OF NINETEEN THIRTY
SIX. MRS. BREEN HAD TWO CHILDREN, AN INFANT SON NAMED MITCHELL OR MICHAEL,
AND A DAUGHTER AGED THREE AND ONE HALF, NAME UNKNOWN. MR. BREEN COMMUTED TO
NEW HOPE FROM RHODE ISLAND ON WEEK ENDS AND BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN
TRANSPORTATION MRS. BREEN LEFT NEW HOPE IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX IN ORDER TO
RESIDE IN NEW ENGLAND, PROBABLY IN MASSACHUSETTS. MRS. CRESSLER STATES BREENS
HAD NO AUTOMOBILE AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HAD NO VISITORS DURING PERIOD IN WHICH
SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY BREENS. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISS
OR CHAMBERS AS THOSE OF ANY PERSONS EVER SEEN BY HER. SHE STATED MRS. BREEN,
WHO RESIDED IN COTTAGE ON MARSHALL FARM, WAS HEAVY SET WOMAN. NO FURTHER
DESCRIPTION. HOUSE HOLD SHOPPING WAS DONE BY MRS. CRESSLER, ALL BILLS PAID
IN CASH FURNISHED HER BY MRS. BREEN. MR. BREEN WAS SEEN ONLY ONE TIME BY
MRS. CRESSLER AND SHE BELIEVES HE WAS A TALL SLENDER MAN. NO FURTHER
DESCRIPTION. HIS OCCUPATION UNKNOWN TO HER. MRS. CRESSLER STATES SHE WAS
EMPLOYED BY ANOTHER FAMILY NAMED BREEN FOR ONE WEEK AFTER LEAVING TOM
MARSHALL FARM. THIS FAMILY BOUGHT AND REMODELED COTTAGE LOCATED ON A LANE
BEHIND THE HOME OF FRED JUSTIN, RETIRED VICE PRESIDENT OF DU PONT COMPANY.

Approved: *E. J. Connelley*
Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. / MR. JUSTIN'S HOME LOCATED NEAR NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA. THIS BREEN FAMILY LATER EMPLOYED MRS. CRESSLER'S NIECE, MAUDE SWANSON. THEY HAD NO CHILDREN, WERE YOUNGER, AND WERE NOT RELATED TO BREEN FAMILY PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. MRS. CRESSLER BELIEVES THAT MR. BREEN WHO RESIDED NEAR THE JUSTIN HOME WAS PROBABLY A TEACHER AND THAT HIS WIFE WAS FROM THE VICINITY OF PHILADELPHIA. SHE SUGGESTS TOM MARSHALL AND FRED JUSTIN MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING THE TWO BREEN FAMILIES. NORMA B. BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, STATES SHE AND SON, PAUL BROWN, OCCUPIED ONE OF TWO COTTAGES OWNED BY JOSEPH BOUCOT AT SMITHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AND THIRTY FIVE AND FAMILY KNOWN TO HER AS BREENS WHO HAD ONE DAUGHTER AGED TWO AND ONE HALF RESIDED IN OTHER COTTAGE. SHE DESCRIBED MRS. BREEN AS A SMALL DARK HAired WOMAN AND DOES NOT RECALL APPEARANCE OF MR. BREEN. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISS OR CHAMBERS. PAUL BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, STATED HE SPENT TWO AND ONE HALF WEEKS AT SMITHTOWN WITH HIS MOTHER IN AUGUST, NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION REGARDING BREENS ALTHOUGH NAME BREEN SOUNDED FAMILIAR TO HIM. HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISS OR CHAMBERS. PHOTOGRAPH OF PRISCILLA HISS NOT RECEIVED THIS OFFICE UNTIL LATE JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY NINE AND DUE TO FLOODS AND ICE CONDITIONS MAKING ROADS IMPASSABLE HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWN TO MRS. CRESSLER, MRS. BROWN AND PAUL BROWN. EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE TO AGAIN CONTACT THESE

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Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PERSONS TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF PRISCILLA AND THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INCORPORATED IN REPORT REGARDING ABOVE MENTIONED INTERVIEWS AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU FEBRUARY ONE, FORTY NINE. MR. DON MATTHEWS, EDITOR OF MOUNTAIN ECHO, YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS, HAS POSSESSION OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER, NUMBER FIVE ONE SEVEN TWO TWO ONE THREE, PURCHASED BY HIM FROM OZARK TYPEWRITER COMPANY, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, AS A "NEW" TYPEWRITER ON MAY TWENTY SEVEN, THIRTY SIX. IT WAS RETAINED IN HIS OFFICE TO JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR SOMETIME IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE WHEN HE PRESENTED IT TO HIS DAUGHTER WHO HAS LEFT IT IN MATTHEWS HOME SINCE THEN. TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS FROM THIS TYPEWRITER BEING FORWARDED TO LABORATORY TODAY. THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE FROM LITTLE ROCK RECEIVED FEBRUARY FIRST: REMYTEL JANUARY THIRTY FIRST LAST. MRS. NORMA B. BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AND MRS. GEORGE CRESSLER, PRUITT, ARKANSAS, ADVISED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF PRISCILLA HISS RESEMBLES IN SOME RESPECT MRS. BREEN. BOTH ARE NOT POSITIVE, HOWEVER, DUE TO LAPSE OF TIME SINCE LAST OBSERVING MRS. BREEN. NEITHER MRS. BROWN NOR MRS. CRESSLER EVER HEARD OF THE NAME HISS AND CHAMBERS MENTIONED AND MRS. BROWN STATED SHE HAS NEVER MET ANY PERSON BY THE NAME OF PRISCILLA HISS. A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF MC-GEHEE, ACCORDING TO MRS. BROWN, WAS AT SMITHTOWN, PA., DURING PERIOD BREEN FAMILY RESIDED THERE AND MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH SOME INFORMATION OF VALUE. THE IDENTITY OF THE MC GEHEE FAMILY CAN BE DETERMINED THROUGH JOSEPH R. BOUCOT, ONE FOUR THREE WEST COULTER ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. SUGGEST THIS LEAD BE DEVELOPED IF NOT ALREADY DONE. PAUL BROWN, HOT SPRINGS,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

ARKANSAS, WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF PRISCILLA HISS AND HAS NEVER HEARD OF THE NAME OF HISS OR ROGERS. DUE TO FACT PHOTOGRAPH OF PRISCILLA HISS RESEMBLES LIKENESS OF MRS. BREEN ACCORDING TO BOTH MRS. BROWN AND MRS. CRESSLER, IT IS SUGGESTED IF DEEMED ADVISABLE THAT THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. CHAMBERS TO EXHIBIT TO THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York
February 11, 1949

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ALGER and PISCILLA HESS. He stated that he did not personally know any of them, nor did he know anything about them which would be of assistance in this case.

By letter dated January 11, 1949 the Bureau furnished this office with photographs of fifteen individuals who were assigned to the Soviet Embassy sometime during the period from 1936 to 1938. These photographs were shown to [REDACTED] with a view towards identifying Colonel BYKOV, or any other Soviet Agent. On February 5, 1949 he reviewed and recognized GUMANSKY and TROYANOVSKI as Soviet Officials. He did not recognize any as having been engaged in espionage.

Below is a list of the individuals whose photographs were shown to
NO 440.

1. G. GERASIMOV
2. D. CHUVASHIN
3. H. KACHIRIN
4. K. KOSKIN
5. M. YAKIMICHEV
6. L. BEGUNOV
7. A. BURZIN
8. G. GRIGORIEV
9. Y. KLIMENKOV
10. G. GOCHMAN
11. A. A. TROYANOVSKI
12. D. SKVIRSKI
13. I. BOLOTHINOV
14. L. GRUNEV
15. C. A. GUMANSKY

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WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR., SA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
February 12, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BALTIMORE - URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.
IN CONVERSATION WITH AGENTS OF NY AND BALTIMORE YESTERDAY, CHAMBERS
REQUESTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN ON HIS FARM DURING NEXT WEEK. IN CONVERSATION
WITH T. J. DONEGAN TODAY, LATTER STATES THAT CHAMBERS WILL BE NECESSARY
WITNESS AT GRAND JURY IN NYC, TEN A.M. TUESDAY NEXT. BALTIMORE REQUESTED
TO IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATE WITH CHAMBERS AT HIS FARM AT
WESTMINSTER AND RELAY DONEGAN'S REQUEST.

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MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. C. S. V. L.
MR. F. L. H. T.
MR. L. B. H. S. A. L. T.
MR. M. C. H. A. N.
MR. R. O. O. F. E.
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Approved: *E. J. Connelley*
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York
February 11, 1949

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MR. NICHOLS
MR. MOHR
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MEMO

RE: HENRY HILL COLLINS
ESPIONAGE - R

At the Weekly Intelligence Conference on February 10, 1949, Colonel ABEOTT of MID advised that, relative to the above individual, inquiries were being made by the hearing board as to COLLINS' exact relations with the American-Russian friendship group in his capacity as Executive Secretary, and that the hearing on COLLINS was still pending.

The hearing board in question is an Army Board considering the cancellation of COLLINS' reserve commission in the Army.

A. H. BELMONT
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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

On February 9, 1949, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau to advise him that Mr. Donegan had informed me that the Grand Jury was not entirely satisfied with the testimony of ADOLF BERLE and had requested that BERLE return for additional testimony. One of the items being questioned by the Grand Jury is the date when BERLE turned over the information in his possession concerning CHAMBERS to the Bureau. According to Donegan, BERLE advised the Grand Jury that he thought he turned the information over at an early stage to the Bureau and probably to Mr. E. A. TAMM, inasmuch as he was more or less constantly in touch with Mr. TAMM. Mr. Donegan advised that in view of the Grand Jury interest, this question is coming up again and he would like to know, if possible, when the Bureau first got possession of BERLE's notes on his interview with CHAMBERS and when the Bureau was first told about the information BERLE had concerning CHAMBERS.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that from what we can determine here, our original interview with CHAMBERS was on May 13, 1942 by SAs John R. Paul and E. J. Greenwald, Jr., at which time CHAMBERS checked with BERLE to see if it were all right to talk to the agents. On January 4, 1945, we wrote to the Bureau and asked for a copy of BERLE's notes which were sent to us by Bureau letter dated January 29, 1945.

Mr. Fletcher advised that, to the best of his knowledge, we first got the notes from BERLE in June, 1943. He advised he would check further on this and would also ascertain whether BERLE had ever spoken to Mr. TAYLOR prior to that time.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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FILE No.

New York, New York
February 10, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Re my memo in this case dated February 10, concerning the date when ADOLF EERLE turned over information to the Bureau concerning his interview with CHAMBERS.

On February 10, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called to advise that the Bureau files reflect that BERLE'S notes reflecting his interview with CHAMBERS in September, 1939, were secured by the Liaison Section of the Bureau from BERLE in June, 1943 (exact date not reflected). Mr. Fletcher further advised there is no memorandum in the files to show that Mr. E. A. TAMM ever received any information from BERLE concerning CHAMBERS. Mr. Fletcher advised that Mr. TAMM had recently been asked whether BERLE had furnished information concerning CHAMBERS prior to June, 1943 and Mr. TAMM advised that he could not recall BERLE ever giving him such information. It will be recalled that agents interviewed CHAMBERS on May 13, 1942, at which time CHAMBERS cleared with BERLE telephonically, before he would talk to the agents. Apparently, it was based on this clearance that the Bureau contacted BERLE later as a precautionary measure to secure direct information from him as to what CHAMBERS had told him, although it is supposed CHAMBERS would have furnished the same information to the agents who interviewed him in 1942.

Mr. Fletcher advised that we could inform Mr. Donegan of the above information. He further advised we should make sure that ADOLF BERLE does not attempt to claim that he furnished this information to the Bureau earlier. In other words, we should make sure that BERLE does not attempt to explain any delinquency on his part by saying he gave the information to the Bureau prior to June, 1943.

A. H. BELMONT
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I asked about
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
was. et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE-R
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

DATE:

In accordance with the request contained in your teletype of January 26, 1949, there are transmitted herewith to your office and to Los Angeles, copies of photographs of VLADIMIR V. de SVESHIKOFF. It is noted that these photographs include shots taken in 1934, 1928, 1924 and one apparently in a World War I uniform.

For the further assistance of the Los Angeles Office, a copy of the report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated January 3, 1949 at Washington, D.C. is enclosed herewith reflecting the only interview with DeSVESHIKOFF to date.

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK:

4 photographs of DeSVESHIKOFF

ENCLOSURES TO LOS ANGELES:

6 photographs of DeSVESHIKOFF
Report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated 1/3/49 at
Washington, D.C.

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cc- Los Angeles (Encl)

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SAC, Buffalo

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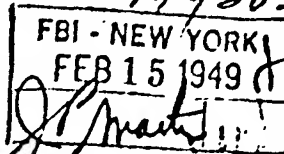
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was., ETAL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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The following teletype was received by this office from New York City in error, on 2-11-49.

"SACS - NEW ORLEANS AND ALBANY URGENT

"JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.; ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R., IS-R. REF. LOS ANGELES
TEL FEB. NINTH INSTANT RE CRAIE. RECORDS COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL REFLECT
MARGARET FRANCES CUTELIUS BORN OCT. TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVEN AT CORNING, IOWA. ATTENDED
KODAK H.S. ROCHESTER, NY TILL NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE, REC-D AB DEGREE, SUMMA CUM LAUDE,
WORCESTER COLLEGE, WORCESTER, OHIO, NINETEEN TWENTYNINE, ATTENDED SAN MATEO JR.
COLLEGE, SAN MATEO, CALIF. AUGUST NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO DEC. THIRTYTHREE. BOTH
SCHOOLS LIST TWO NAUGHT THREE CENTRE AVE., STATEN ISLAND, NYC AS CUTELIUS-S ADDRESS
BUT SAME MAY HAVE BEEN FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS FROM THOSE
SCHOOLS FOR CUTELIUS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO,
BOULDER, COLO. SUMMER COURSE NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, ATTENDED U. OF CALIF. AT BERKELEY,
CALIF. AND GRADUATE SCHOOL NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO THIRTYFIVE, WITH ADDRESS ON TRANS-
SCRIPT FROM U. OF C. AS SAN MATEO, CALIF. ATTENDED COLUMBIA U. MEDICAL SCHOOL SEPT.
NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO JUNE, THIRTYEIGHT, GRADUATING AT TOP OF CLASS. INTERNED AT
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, NYC, JAN. THIRTYNINE TO JUNE FORTYONE. WHILE AT COLUMBIA GAVE
FOLLOWING ADDRESS -- AS OF AUG. THIRTYFIVE, TWO NAUGHT THREE CENTRE ST., RICHMOND,
STATEN ISLAND, NYC, AS OF SEPT. TWENTYTHIRD, THIRTYFIVE LISTS TWO TWO TWO EIGHT
AMSTERDAM AVE., APT. SIXTYFIVE, NYC, AS OF SEPT. THIRTYSIX LISTS ONE ONE TWO HAVEN



AVE., NYC, APT. FORTYFIVE, TEL. WO SEVEN EIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE, AS OF SEPT. NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN LISTS ONE THREE NAUGHT ONE LONGFELLOW, N. W., WASHINGTON, D.C., AS PERMANENT ADDRESS WITH BAND DORMITORY AT COLUMBIA AS LOCAL ADDRESS. LISTS FATHER AS DR. STANLEY F. GUTELIUS, MINISTER, THREE EIGHT EIGHT MACEZ AVE., ROCHESTER, NY. AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTORY NINETEEN FORTYTWO LISTS DR. MARGARET GUTELIUS, GRADUATE COLUMBIA NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, AS PRACTICING IN SAN JUAN, P. R. ON MAY TENTH, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. GUTELIUS WROTE TO COLUMBIA U. FROM US QUARANTINE STATION, NEW ORLEANS, LA STATING SHE HAD LOST DEGREE FROM SHIPPING TO U.S. FROM PUERTO RICO. WROTE AGAIN JUNE TWENTYTWO, FORTYSIX ASKING FOR ENDORSEMENT TO STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF STATE OF TEXAS, GIVING ADDRESS PHARR, TEXAS. LAST LETTER TO COLUMBIA U. ON SEPT. TWENTYFOUR, FORTYEIGHT INDICATES GUTELIUS IS APPLYING FOR MEDICAL LICENSE FOR STATE OF LA. AND GIVES HER ADDRESS AS THIRTEEN ELEVEN VALADONT ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA. COPY OF PHOTO OF GUTELIUS AT COLUMBIA U. BEING OBTAINED AND THIS OFFICE WILL CHECK GUTELIUS RECORD AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, NYC, FOR INFO OF NEW ORLEANS, UNSUB KEITH PHOTOGRAPHER FOR CHALBERS IN SOVIET APPARATUS, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE AND CRANE ON INTERVIEW BY LOS ANGELES STATES HE MET MARGARET GUTELIUS AT CP MEETINGS NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AND LIVED WITH HER NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO AT LEAST END OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. AT SOME TIME CRANE MARRIED GUTELIUS, BUT CRANE SAYS THAT GUTELIUS HAS SINCE REMARRIED. CRANE SAYS GUTELIUS AND CRANE MET IN UNDERGROUND WORK AND GUTELIUS WHILE WITH CRANE MET COL. BYKOV AND BYKOV'S WIFE. NEW ORLEANS WILL ASCERTAIN IF GUTELIUS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT LAST ABOVE ADDRESS AND WILL ADVISE THIS AND OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES THIS TEL. IF GUTELIUS STILL RESIDENT NEW ORLEANS FULL INFO WILL BE FORWARDED BUT NO

INTERVIEW OF GUTELIUS CONTEMPLATED UNTIL LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW WITH CRANE COMPLETED.
IF NEW ORLEANS ADVISES GUTELIUS STILL RESIDING THERE, ALBANY WILL THEN DISCONTINUE
EFFORTS TO LOCATE GUTELIUS THROUGH HER FATHER IN ROCHESTER. WASH FLD WILL ASCERTAIN
SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO. PA ONE FOUR FOUR FIVE IN PERIOD AROUND SEPT. NINETEEN
THIRTYSEVEN AND WILL DETERMINE WHETHER CRANE AND GUTELIUS BOTH RESIDED AT THIRTEEN
NAUGHT ONE LONGFELLOW ST., N. W. AT ABOUT THAT PERIOD. LOS A WILL QUESTION CRANE
IN REGARD TO THIS LATTER ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON. FURTHER, LA WILL DETERMINE UNDER
WHAT NAME COL. BYKOV AND BYKOV'S WIFE WERE INTRODUCED TO GUTELIUS AND IN REGARD TO
BYKOV WILL QUESTION CRANE COMPLETELY AS TO WHERE CRANE MET BYKOV, PARTICULARLY
LOOKING FOR ANY RESIDENCE OF BYKOV AND FURTHER AS TO ANY NAME OTHER THAN PETE,
BYKOV MAY HAVE USED. LA WILL ALSO QUESTION CRANE REGARDING ANY CONTACT BY CRANE
WITH DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, WAS, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE NAME DAVID CARPENTER.
LA WILL SET OUT INFO FROM AND CONCERNING CRANE IN SEPARATE REPORT THIS CASE,
INCLUDING SECTION GIVING DETAILED PERSONAL HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES OF CRANE.
BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL ANY INFO THEIR FILES ON ABOVE MARGARET FRANCES GUTELIUS.

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On February 14, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan called to inquire whether Bureau agents had ever interviewed ADOLF BERLE concerning the notes that BERLE turned over to the Bureau in June, 1948. A check of our files did not reflect such an interview. Therefore, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau to request that he check the Bureau files on this as it would appear that we would have interviewed BERLE on a matter of this importance.

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At 12:05 pm, Mr. Fletcher called back and advised that the only record that the Bureau has of an interview with BERLE concerning anything along this line is the interview conducted by SAC Carson under special instructions from the Director in New York on September 3, 1948. Mr. Fletcher put Supervisor Jones on the telephone who advised as follows concerning this letter:

Carson interviewed BERLE on September 3, 1948, the purpose of his interview being to clear up certain statements BERLE made during his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 30, 1948. At that time, BERLE said that his memory was a bit indistinct and that undoubtedly the Bureau's records were correct and he was willing to abide by the Bureau's records. Carson told BERLE that the Bureau's records reflect that on February 28, 1941, BERLE requested someone from the Bureau to contact him at the State Department concerning CHAMBERS. In response to the request, Mr. Foxworth talked with him at his office on March 3, 1941 and the conversation was in effect an inquiry from BERLE to Mr. Foxworth as to whether the FBI was investigating CHAMBERS and Mr. Foxworth replied in the negative. BERLE said that he is sure that the above facts are correct and he does not recall, nor does he have any record, of any prior conversation with the FBI concerning this matter. He also agreed that he does not recall having actually furnished to Mr. Foxworth at this time information as to the conversation previously had by BERLE with CHAMBERS. BERLE stated that, as a matter of actual fact, he did not at the time feel free to divulge the content of CHAMBERS' conversation to the FBI inasmuch as CHAMBERS had indicated that he did not so desire and had further indicated that he would not back up the story. BERLE remarked that, from the past conversations with CHAMBERS, he could ascertain that CHAMBERS did not "think very much of the FBI" and did not desire the information furnished to the

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FBI, particularly if the source was to be revealed. Then, it was pointed out to BERLE that our files show that the first information we had re CHAMBERS was when he was interviewed by Bureau agents in New York on May 13, 1942 and BERLE agreed that this was probably correct and recalled that CHAMBERS had, in the presence of the FBI agents, called BERLE at BERLE's home in Washington and asked permission to disclose the information previously given to BERLE to the FBI agents.

Mr. Jones advised that he had just looked over BERLE's testimony before the sub-committee of the HCUA and nowhere in the testimony did he mention anything about documents or espionage. BERLE said on one occasion CHAMBERS told him that the Communist Party had been trying to develop a group of sympathizers who might be of some use to them later in the United States Government and then he said this was not, as CHAMBERS put it, any question of espionage. There was no espionage involved in it.

I pointed out to Mr. Jones that actually, there would be no real basis for us to interview BERLE as there was no basis for espionage until CHAMBERS testified before the House Committee and brought up the espionage question. I advised Mr. Jones that, when the question comes up as to why the Bureau did not get into this espionage picture when CHAMBERS was interviewed in May, 1942, and when the Bureau got the notes from BERLE in 1943, the answer is that it was informative information about a group of individuals sympathetic to the Communist cause and there was no indication of actual espionage. Mr. Jones advised that during the two interviews with CHAMBERS in 1942 and 1945, CHAMBERS stated he had no reason to believe he was engaged in espionage. I told Mr. Jones that the whole blame can be laid on CHAMBERS' door for not bringing out the espionage angle. Mr. Jones agreed.

Mr. Jones inquired if we wanted a copy of the above letter and I told him it would be a good idea for us to have it. He stated he would send a copy to us along with a copy of BERLE's testimony before the HCUA.

A. H. BELMONT
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with Mr. Dwyer
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